

5%. Examples of the cholic acid are cholic acid, deoxycholic acid, taurocholic acid and chenodeoxycholic acid. The cholic acid is used at a concentration of 0 to 5%. Examples of the anionic surfactant include an alkyl sulfonate such as 1-pentasulfonate, 1-hexasulfonate, 1-heptasulfonate and 1-octasulfonate. These surfactants are used at a concentration of 0 to 5%.

Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 20, line 4 and ending at page 20, line 9 with the following replacement paragraph as follows. A marked-up copy of this section, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

FIG. 3 is a graph showing the correlation between the concentration of total cholesterol obtained by the method of the present invention (designated by DB-TC in the figure) and the concentration of total cholesterol obtained by the comparative method (L TC II method, designated by L TC II in the figure).

Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 23, line 22 and ending at page 23, line 30 with the following replacement paragraph as follows. A marked-up copy of this section, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

To determine HDL cholesterol and LDL cholesterol, substantially the same procedure as in Example 1 was repeated using the same samples as in Example 1 except that the wavelength

measured was changed to 555 nm. The coefficient of correlation between the results obtained with the commercial kits of Determiner L HDL-C and Determiner L LDL-C and the results obtained according to the method of the present invention was calculated. The coefficient of correlation showed 0.929 for the HDL cholesterol and 0.911 for the LDL cholesterol.

At page 24, line 8 please substitute the following replacement line as follows. A marked-up copy of this section, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.:

cholesterol oxidase (*2)

Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 24, line 19 and ending at page 24, line 21 with the following replacement paragraph as follows. A marked-up copy of this section, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

Serum samples from 30 healthy subjects used in Example 1 were prepared and HDL cholesterol and [LDL] total cholesterol of the samples were determined by the following procedures.

Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 25, line 16 and ending at page 25, line 21 with the following replacement paragraph as follows. A marked-up copy of this section, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

Fig. 3 shows a correlation between the concentration (mg/dL) of the total cholesterol according to the method of this

invention (designated as DB-TC in Fig. 3) and the concentration (mg/dL) of the total cholesterol obtained by the comparative method (L TC II method, designated as L TC II in Fig. 3).

Please substitute at page 27, Table 1, the following replacement Table as follows. A marked-up copy of this section, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

Table 1

Surfactant	Concentration (%)	A_{HDL}/A_{LDL}	A_{VLDL}/A_{LDL}	A_{CM}/A_{LDL}
Pluronic L-121 Emulgen L-40	0.2 0.16	7.3	6.6	4.6
Pluronic L-121 Nonion HS-210	0.2 0.1	9.6	13.5	3.2
Pluronic L-121 Emulgen	0.2 0.1	10.2	7.7	1.2
Pluronic L-122 Emulgen L-40	0.2 0.16	8.1	8.2	3.4
Pluronic L-121 (comparative example 1)	0.2	34.7	47.9	16.8
Emulgen L-40 (comparative example 2)	0.16	27.8	39.7	9.7
Nonion HS-210 (comparative example 3)	0.1	35.5	35.5	6.1
Nonion HS-215 (comparative example 4)	0.16	76.8	33.6	4.7
Nonion NS-208.5 (comparative example 5)	0.24	44.5	32.4	51.2
Nonion HS-208 (comparative example 6)	0.08	30.2	47.3	28.3